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1. MAJOR TURKISH DAILIES FEBRUARY 20 CONTINUED THEIR FACTUAL COVERAGE OF THE CYPRUS TALKS WITH REPORTS FROM THEIR CORRESPONDENTS IN VIENNA. THE FIRST EDITORIAL COMMENT ON THE TALKS ALSO APPEARED.

2. FEBRUARY 20 HEADLINES GAVE AN INCREASINGLY PESSIMISTIC IMPRESSION OF THE TALKS. LEFTIST CUMHURIYET DECLARED: "THE BILATERAL TALKS CONCERNING CYPRUS ARE ENTERING A DEADEND\* CLERIDES HAS PROPOSED A 'MULTIREGIONAL' FEDERATION."

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YENI ULUS, WHICH OFTEN SPEAKS FOR THE FAR LEFT-WING OF THE

REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP), WAS EVEN MORE EMPHATIC:  
"THE NIENNA TALKS HAVE ENTERED A DEADEND; THE GREEK CYPRIOTS  
WANT MORPHOU AND VAROSHA." BARIS, ALSO LEFTWING RPP,  
STATED: "DENKTASH, HAVING REJECTED CLERIDES' PROPOSAL, SAID  
'I DIDN'T COME TO VIENNA TO GIVE CONCESSION'." CONSERVATIVE  
SON HAVADIS UNDERLINED IN RED THE HEADLINE, "DENKTASH REJECTED  
THE GREEK CYPRIOTS' DEMAND FOR LAND." ON ANOTHER NOTE, MILLI-  
GAZETE, WHICH FAVORS THE ISLAMIC REVIVALIST NATIONAL  
SALVATION PARTY QUOTED DENKTASH AS SAYING, "THERE IS NO SUCH  
THING AS A GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS" OVER AN ARTICLE REPORTING  
THAT DENKTASH HAD IN A LETTER TO UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM  
REJECTED THE AUTHORITY OF GREEK CYPRIOT SPOKESMAN TO SPEAK  
FOR MORE THAN THEIR OWN COMMUNITY AT THE U.S.

3. FROM VIENNA, MASS-CIRCULATION GUNAYDIN'S AHMET URAN  
BARAN REPORTED, "THE GREEK CYPRIOTS WANT LAND FROM  
THE VAROSHA, MORPHOU, AND FAMAGUSTA (SIC) REGION AND ARE  
ASKING FOR AT LEAST JOINT (USE) OF FAMAGUSTA HARBOR."  
ACCORDING TO BARAN, THE GREEK CYPRIOTS WOULD CONCEDE 25 TO  
28 PERCENT OF CYPRUS TO THE TURKS. BARAN QUOTED  
UNNAMED "POLITICAL OBSERVERS" AS BELIEVING THAT "IF  
CLERIDES ACCEPTED A BIZONAL FEDERATION IN VIENNA,  
MAKARIOS WOULD REFUSE TO SIGN THIS AGREEMENT AND WOULD RESIGN."

4. SAMI KOHEN, WRITING FROM VIENNA FOR LIBERAL-REFORMIST  
MILLIYET, REPORTED THAT CLERIDES HAD GIVEN DENKTASH A MAP,  
APPARENTLY PREPARED WITH UN ASSISTANCE, DELINEATING THE  
REGIONS OF "FAMAGUSTA, MORPHOU, AND KARPASS" FOR THE  
PROBABLE RESETTLEMENT OF GREEK CYPRIOT REFUGEES AND AS THE  
BASES FOR A "MULTIREGIONAL FEDERATION." KOHEN SAID THAT  
"RELIABLE SOURCES" HAVE INDICATED THAT CLERIDES' MAP DOES  
NOT RPT NOT HAVE THE STATUS OF A FORMAL PROPOSAL PRESENTED AT  
THE CONFERENCE TABLE, BUT INDEED HAD BEEN DELIVERED TO DENKTASH'S  
LPOTEL ON THE NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 18. ACCORDING TO KOHEN,  
CLERIDES HAS AVOIDED GIVING DENKTASH AN EXACT EXPLANATION OF  
THE MAP'S STATUS OR SIGNIFICANCE. IN ANY CASE, DENKTASH HAS  
THUS FAR CATEGORICALLY REJECTED ANY SOLUTION BUT A BIZONAL  
FEDERATION AND HAS REITERATED THAT, "IN VIENNA, TERRITORIAL  
QUESTIONS CAN BE DISCUSSED WITHIN THE FRAMEWOF OF A BIZONAL  
FEDERATON, BUT LAND PERCENTAGES AND BARGAINING OVER WHICH  
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PLACES WILL BE LEFT OUTSIDE THE TURKISH REGION CAN BE DONE  
ONLY BY A COMMISSION IN NICOSIA." KOHEN REPORTED THAT  
CLERIDES HAS OPPOSED REFERRING DETAILS OF THE TERRITORIAL  
QUESTION TO A COMMISSION.

5. IN AN EDITORIAL IN MILLIYET, ABDI IPEKCI POSED THE QUES-  
TION, "IS THIS A REAL PROPOSAL OR A BARGAINING  
ATTEMPT?" IN REGARD TO THE MULTIREGIONAL MAP OF CYPRUS

CLERIDES REPORTEDLY PRESENTED UNOFFICIALLY TO DENKTASH IN VIENNA. WHILE RECALLING THAT A MULTIREGIONAL SYSTEM WAS A "VALID AND REALISTIC SOLUTION" WHEN LARGE NUMBER OF TURKS REMAINED IN THE SOUTH AND GREEKS IN THE NORTH, IPEKCI STATED THAT REESTABLISHING "GREEK CYPRIOT POCKETS IN THE TURKISH REGION" WOULD ONLY MEAN "HOLDING UNDER A THREAT THE PEACE AWAITED ON THE ISLAND" WHILE NECESSITATING YET ANOTHER MASS MOVEMENT OF POPULATIONS. IPEKCI CONCLUDED WITH THE HOPE THAT "CLERIDES IS TRULY READY TO ACCEPT A BIZONAL FEDERATIONS."  
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